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In re Patent Application of

KOIKE et al

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Serial No. 09/546,227

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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF  
SUPPORTING A CATALYST...

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

An Appeal Brief was filed on **November 22, 2004** in the above-identified application. A Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed on **February 2, 2005**. Appendices II and IV, which were attached to the Supplemental Appeal Brief, were resubmitted together with an explanatory Letter on **March 7, 2005** because the appendices had not been properly scanned by the PTO. Following a telephone call with the Examiner, a Letter to determine the status of the appeal was filed on **July 12, 2005**. However, since then Applicants have not received any communication from the Patent Office regarding either a Notice of Allowance or an Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief.

According to Private Pair all of the above papers have been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

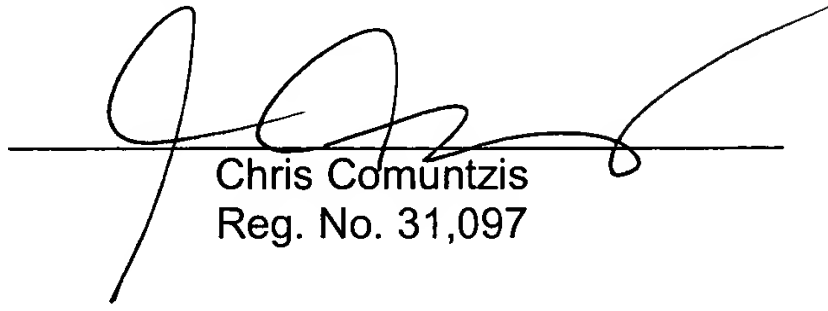
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Inquiry is made as to when a Notice of Allowance or Examiner's Answer will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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